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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SUDANESE ARMS REQUESTS

1. THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT INDICATIONS IN INTELLIGENCE
TRAFFIC THAT THE SAUDIS ARE UNHAPPY ABOUT WHAT THEY CONSIDER
TO BE OUR UNRESPONSIVENESS TO SUDANESE REQUESTS FOR MILITARY
EQUIPMENT, WITH SUGGESTION FAHD MAY COMPLAIN ABOUT THIS
DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT.

2. IF YOUR ASSESSMENT IS THAT SAUDI GOVERNMENT IS INDEED
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CONCERNED ON THIS SCORE AND THAT THIS IS LIKELY TO COME UP
DURING FAHD VISIT, YOU SHOULD FIND APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY
TO APPROACH SAUDIS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

-- ON APRIL 7, THE PRESIDENT APPROVED THE SIX C-130S,
WHICH IS ONLY CURRENT FORMAL SUDANESE REQUEST FOR MILITARY
EQUIPMENT.

--NOTIFICATION OF THIS ESTIMATED DOLS 75 MILLION SALE PACKAGE OF AIRCRAFT ENGINES, GROUND EQUIPMENT, SPARES, ETC. WAS SENT TO THE CONGRESS ON APRIL 29.

, - THE NORMAL LEAD-TIME ON FILLING SUCH A REQUEST WOULD BE ABOUT 30 MONTHS. WE ARE, HOWEVER, LOOKING INTO WAYS TO ACCELERATE THE PROCESS FOR THE SUDAN.

--ONCE THE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE C-130 PURCHASE IS COMPLETED WE ARE PREPARED TO GIVE PROMPT CONSIDERATION TO ADDITIONAL SUDANESE REQUESTS, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADMINISTRATION'S ARMS RESTRAINT POLICIES AND CONGRESSIONAL LIMITATIONS.

3. FYI: THE SUDANESE HAVE MENTIONED TO US ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THEIR STRONG DESIRE TO ACQUIRE FROM US A SQUADRON OF F-5ES AND, LESS URGENTLY, ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS AND AIR DEFENSE RADAR. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A FORMAL REQUEST FOR THE F-5ES WILL BE FORTHCOMING WHEN THE C-130S CLEAR THE NOTIFICATION HURDLE. WE WOULD JUST AS SOON AVOID ANY DISCUSSIONS OF THESE PROPOSED REQUESTS WITH THE SAUDIS OR ANYONE ELSE AT THIS TIME. END FYI VANCE

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